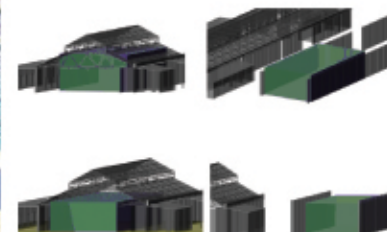


Above is a photograph of the Trolley Barn transformed into a historic museum. Immediately right captures the image of an indoor tennis and volleyball court in the farm artifact area. Below are case studies: One of Cleveland's Rite Recreational center is an uplift of the historic building. The Holland (Michigan) Aquatic Center presents the idea of elevating spectator seating.



Development Option 8: Recreation Facility

The expanding needs of the surrounding neighborhood and the developing Neck give strong impetus to considering the site for a recreational center. Clearly, the type of facilities provided would determine whether this facility served primarily local or regional needs. In either case, a public recreation use would be desirable.

At first glance, it seems that the large space needs of sporting centers would be highly compatible with the long spaces of the Trolley Barn Complex. Closer examination proved this false. The approximately 15' average height of the trusses above the floor do not permit basketball, diving, or most other indoor sports to occupy the Trolley Barn. While lap swimming pools can be inserted, they are limited in number of lanes and do not allow public viewing. Moreover, there is insufficient outdoor space to support parking as well as tennis or basketball courts.

Key Issues and Strategies:

- Find sports that are compatible with available Trolley Barn and site space.
- Butter the poinsett neighborhood from traffic and exterior activity

Advantages:

- Amenities of immediate use to existing neighborhood.
- Public use and public access given to this historic building.
- Supports nearby Cool Blow park.

Disadvantages:

- The building and site do not accommodate many popular sports, or do not do so with sufficient space to make the facility serve a reasonable number of users.
- Relatively high traffic generated.

Photos to the far left are axonometric renderings of the Aquatic and Recreation Center. Far right photos are volume studies of the feasibility of a basketball court (top two) and Tennis Court (bottom two) in either the Trolley Barn or the Artifact Area.